

# Miniature World (Mini-beast Day)

## Programme outline

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### Years 1 & 2



The importance of mini-beasts to nature and our world and how we can help them to thrive are the focus of this day.



Follow a game of chance trail through the woods and understand the vital role mini-beasts play in our world through the clues you find on your way. Learn about their importance as pollinators, decomposers and as part of the food chain. Explore a miniature world which provides everything mini-beasts need to survive and thrive.



In the afternoon, either take a closer look at some of the mini-beasts that can be found in Folly Farm's thriving pond and discover how they are all connected or, armed with bug viewers and magnifiers, go on a big mini-beast hunt in the garden, fields or woods.

## Curriculum links

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**Science:** using the local environment to explore and answer questions about animals in their habitat; learning to identify a variety of common amphibians and insects and their food; understanding the variety of animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores;

**Geographical and social:** developing knowledge about the UK and the wider world; understanding the needs of living things and our responsibilities towards them.

## About us

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*Cathy Mayne* and *Anna Stevens* have worked in environmental education for many years both with the Avon Wildlife Trust and other environmental organisations and have been tutors for Environmental Education programmes at Folly Farm since 2001. They have also been involved with primary schools across the region delivering a range of activities encouraging wildlife awareness amongst children and adults alike.